

ITALIAN IMMIGRATION.

THEY FLOCK TO AMERICA IN LARGE NUMBERS DAILY.

Only Ten Deaths from Grip—The Vessel With the Nicaragua Party is Officially Reported Stranded—Defaulting Cashier Returns—New York News.

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To-day 587 Italian immigrants arrived here from Palermo on the steamer *Imperatrice*, and 1,020 on the steamer *Burgundia*, from Marseilles. The immigration from Italy leads all other countries. For the month of March the figures have been: Italy, 7,869; Germany, 7,075; Great Britain and Ireland, 4,396; Hungary, 3,539; Austria, 3,484; and Russia, 2,223.

DEATH FROM LA GRIPPE.

Dr. Nagle, of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, reports the deaths from la grippe for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-day as being ten. In five cases pneumonia was the complicating disease. "I think the disease is lessening slightly," he said, "the tide has apparently turned." The majority of those who have died have been aged persons who had lost touch of their force. No deaths are reported among the school children." William P. from the grip Frederick Abing, a Swede, aged twenty-two, last night jumped from the twenty-story window of No. 230 east Forty-second street. He received injuries that caused death.

THE NICARAGUA PARTY STRANDED.

An official dispatch has been received reporting that the steamer *August*, having on board President Warner Miller, of the Nicaragua Canal Construction Company, and others largely interested in the canal, has stranded on Bonacor reef, about 200 miles northeast of Greytown. All the passengers have been saved. A coaster and the United States steamer *Petrel* at Greytown have gone to the rescue.

At the office of the canal company George W. Davis, the general manager, said: "No lives were lost. The steamer grounded early in the morning of March 26th, during a fog."

The following accompanied Mr. Miller, on the trip: G. Hilton Serringer, Charles Watson, C. L. Merritt, G. A. McArthur, William J. Martin, Major C. E. Dutson, geologist; Lieutenant Guy Howard, U. S. N. S., James Kirkland, Kemper, Boscock, John R. Spears, Gilbert Haffley, W. E. Simmons, Stanton K. Ide, and Civil Engineers H. P. Donaldson, H. F. Gossel, and D. McN. Staunton, of London, England.

THE DEFAULTING CASHIER RETURNS.

E. Piquet, the defaulting cashier of the Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, of this city, arrived this morning on the White Star Line steamer *Tantamount* from Liverpool in charge of detectives R. McNaught and Crowley, Inspector Byrne's staff. Last October Piquet was suddenly missed from the office of the company in which he held a position of trust. At the same time \$18,000 disappeared. He was caught in Switzerland. When in mid-ocean, during the plunging of the steamer, Piquet, who suffered from seasickness, was thrown from his berth. He fell on top of the detective, who was sitting near, and bounding off struck a chair. The fall broke three of his ribs. Piquet was pale and sick when the steamer reached her dock and was taken at once to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he will remain until he has recovered. It is not known how much of the \$18,000 with which he decamped has been recovered, but Piquet appears to feel keenly his position.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The New York East Methodist Conference began yesterday. The argument upon the resolution admitting female lay delegates to the administrative bodies of the church occurred and a very warm time was had over it.

SEARLY ALL ADOTTED SONS.

Anyone familiar with the antecedents of many of the prominent men in New York must have remarked the fact that by far the greater portion of them are not native New Yorkers. The greatest doctors of anatomy, the ablest lawyers, the wealthiest bankers, the most successful business men, in most instances only New Yorkers by adoption. This fact is so generally known that even a successful political leader who is a native born resident is so incommunicado as to excite comment. Thousands of ambitious young men disengaged with their condition in life come to this city every year. They bring with them nothing but courage and pluck. When they get a start in some business house or law office, their very necessities spur them on to endless efforts. Their earnest and conscientious work attracts attention, and they soon learn that increase in salary and elevation to positions of trust and responsibility are the rewards of hard work and loyalty. In a few years they attain a position in business circles, and receive an income greater than ever their fondest hopes could have wished when they first ventured into the maelstrom of business life in this resolute town.

TO THE PATENT SYSTEM.

Coleen Weber has decided to make a strong effort to squelch the pedagogic system in this city, and hereafter Italians who come to this country will be sent to the Labor Bureau at City Hall. The Italian Home will, it is said, aid the Federal superintendent in the movement. At present Italian pedagoges make from fifty cents to \$25 each man they hire out. During the month of March of this year, 5,000 Italians landed at this port, and 2,000 during the month of February, making a total of more than 8,000 during the two months. The Rev. Francis Zanotti, of St. Joseph's church, in Roosevelt street, has been appointed by Archibald Corbin to look after the spiritual welfare of the Italian immigrants.

HALF-CENT PIECES.

One of the latest rumors is that the proposed coinage of pieces of the value of half a cent is to be one of the distinguishing acts of Secretary Foster. Great pressure is being brought to bear on the subject by Eastern ship-keepers, especially newspapermen and stationers, who demand it with such a force as to make refusal impossible. They argue that the margin of profit on their goods is so narrow that the loss of the 10% on frequently recurring half-centage to the bill is ruinous, and they must have a cent at hand to make the exact change.

NEW YORK'S MONUMENTAL OBSCENITY.

Reviewing the present situation in which the recent Italian wrangle has placed this Government, New Yorkers recall with grim delight the last report of Secretary Tracy to Congress. In his report he said:

"The harbor of New York at the present time is entirely defenseless. The forts at the Narrows would offer no obstruction to the entrance of a fleet. Any vessel, whatever her size or character, armed with the modern breech guns, would if well mounted, run past the heaviest gun afloat, could do the range of the forts and destroy them. As for Long Island Sound it has not forts worthy of the name and the entrance to the East river by that route is as unobstructed as the Narrows. It may be said that guns could be mounted on shore to fire at such a fleet. The army possesses no modern guns for this purpose, and the cast-iron shell from the guns now in its possession would make no more impression on modern ironclads than talbotines on a roof."

WE HAVE NO TORPEDOES.

It is likewise thought by those who are ignorant of the actual conditions that torpedoes would prevent the entrance of the fleet. The fact is, we have no torpedoes. Stationary torpedoes or mines, indeed, we have, or could have in abundance, but an attacking fleet could pick them up or counteract with no danger to itself, leaving a clear path for its ships. Of automobile torpedoes, which, though not a principal means of defense, would yet be a contributing factor, we have none at the present time. As for our unprotected cruisers, if they stayed in port, it would only be to become involved in an naval capitulation. There is nothing, therefore, to prevent the access of a fleet to New York by either the eastern or southern entrance."

WALL STREET ECHOES.

The schedule of Bateman & Co. shows liabilities of \$1,229,611, assets nominally \$2,837,50, actual \$543,175—which of \$500,000 are collateral pledged. The unpaid subscriptions to the Atlantic and Danville road seem to be the principal assets.

A cotton oil official says: "The company is doing very well, but hardly likely that any statement will be published until after the spring business, and perhaps not until

the annual meeting next November. The last official report was the one made to the stockholders in November. The company is getting a good price for its oils, prime qualities being about the same as last year, while the price of seed is \$26.65 a ton less than last year. About \$100,000 a year is saved in operating expenses by reduction of salaries and consolidation of departments."

Statement of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company for the month of February: Gross, 1891, \$1,525,781; 1890, \$1,496,846, increase, \$26,935. Operating expenses, 1891, \$634,544; 1890, \$607,766, increase, \$26,782. Net, 1891, \$520,233; 1890, \$539,669, increase, \$4,153. For eight months: Gross, 1891, \$13,154,671; 1890, \$12,787,339, increase, \$367,341. Operating expenses, 1891, \$8,179,811; 1890, \$7,520,307, increase, \$659,504. Net, 1891, \$4,974,860; 1890, \$5,258,028, decrease, \$283,163.

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